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TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, PGOV, CS

SUBJECT: FACIO ON U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, DISARMAMENT

1. ACCORDING TO MARCH 16 EXCELSIOR, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO STATED MARCH 15, IN RESPONSE TO A PRESS QUERY, THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS "WAS LOGICAL FOR THE COUNTRY THAT PROCLAIMS TO BE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD," ADDING THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE MANY HEMISPHERIC NATIONS WHICH DO NOT DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. FACIO ALSO COMMENTED ON DISARMAMENT, CALLING HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD DISARMAMENT COSTA RICA'S BIGGEST CONCERN. HE SAID: "COSTA RICA OPPOSES THE ARMS RACE; IF ARMAMENTS WOULD BE REDUCED THE ABILITY OF NATIONS TO COOPERATE ECONOMICALLY WOULD BE INCREASED."

3. COMMENT: FACIO'S REMARKS ARE THE FIRST PUBLIC GOCR REACTION TO THE FUROR IN THE HEMISPHERE OVER THE U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE/HUMAN RIGHTS TIE.

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SEPTEL WILL REPORT THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER TOOK A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT APPROACH IN EXPRESSING COSTA RICAN POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION DURING MARCH 16 AT STATE DINNER HONORING PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN. KILDAY

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